

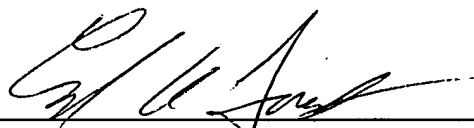
## REMARKS

In preparing the Appeal Brief, it was noticed that claims 23 and 24, which depended on claim 1, refer to a "fishing rod holder", which is not recited in claim 1. Therefore these claims do not have sufficient antecedent basis. These claims should have depended on claim 3, which recites a fishing rod holder. Therefore, this amendment has been presented to place the claims in better form for appeal as provided in 37 CFR 116.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1 – 21, 23 – 25, 40, and 41 are patentable and their reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Appeal Brief, and appropriate fee payment, is attached hereto. If any additional fee is seen to be required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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